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SARL National Field Day

The committee received 13 logs for the November leg of the SARL National Field Day held on 19 and 20 November 2011. The logs are made up of 2 check logs and 11 contest logs containing 930 QSOs and 439 unique call signs. The call signs consist of 229 DX call signs, 27 calls from ZS1, 12 calls from ZS2, 16 calls from ZS3, 23 calls from ZS4, 25 calls from ZS5 and 107 calls from ZS6. There are 5 ZU calls listed.

The 930 QSOs are made up of 724 phone, 9 CW and 197 digital QSOs. If we look at the band spread, then the 930 QSOs are divided into 160 m - 0, 80 m - 70, 40 m - 610, 20 m - 61, 15 m - 76 and 10 m - 113 QSOs. Then if we look at the distribution of QSOs, 247 were made with DX stations, 31 with the Eastern Cape, 83 with the Free State, 322 with Gauteng, 83 with KwaZulu Natal, 8 with Limpopo, 24 with Mpumalanga, 55 with the Northern Cape, 44 with the North West and 33 with the Western Cape.

Now just think if we got 210 logs instead of 13!

Class A - Field Station, Multi Operator

- 1st West Rand ARC, ZS6WR, 91 200 points
- 2nd Northern Cape ARC, ZS3NC, 64 800 points
- 3rd Sasolburg ARC, ZS4SRK, 40 320 points
- 4th Sandton ARC, ZS6STN, 22 848 points
- 5th Magalies ARK, ZS6MRK, 11 664 points
- 6th Centurion ARC, ZS6CEN, 6 840 points

Class B - Field Station, Multi operator - QRP

No entries

Class C - Field Station, Single Operator

- 1st Mitchell Mynhardt, ZS6YH, 32 352 points
- 2nd Marius Snyman, ZR6MS, 16 380 points

Class D - Field Station, Single Operator - QRP

- 1st Eddie Leighton, ZS6BNE, 10 476 points
- 2nd Dennis Green, ZS4BS/3, 2 880 points

Class E - General Stations

- 1st Pieter Jacobs, ZS6XT, 23 160 points

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Check logs

Pierre van Deventer, ZS6A, 6 960 points (QRP)

Alan McCulloch, ZS6KU, 1 050 points

Combined results February and November legs

Class A - Field Station, Multi Operator

- 1st West Rand ARC, ZS6WR, 187 800 points
- 2nd Northern Cape ARC, ZS3NC, 150 480 points
- 3rd Sasolburg ARC, ZS4SRK, 99 720 points
- 4th Sandton ARC, ZS6STN, 67 488 points
- 5th Pretoria ARC, ZS6PTA, 58 440 points
- 6th Magalies ARK, ZS6MRK, 57 504 points
- 7th Zululand ARC, ZS5ZLB, 49 320 points
- 8th Midlands ARC, ZS5PMB, 48 240 points
- 9th Bloemfontein RAC, ZS4BFN, 25 380 points
- 10th Centurion ARC, ZS6CEN, 23 094 points
- 11th Cape Town ARC, ZS1CT, 21 924 points

Class B - Field Station, Multi operator - QRP

No entries

Class C - Field Station, Single Operator

- 1st Wessie Wessels, ZS2A, 43 200 points
- 2nd Pierre van Deventer, ZS6A, 40 560 points

3rd Mitchell Mynhardt, ZS6YH, 32 352 points

4th Paul van Spronsen, ZS1PVS, 25 536 points

5th Marius Snyman, ZR6MS, 16 380 points

Class D - Field Station, Single Operator - QRP

- 1st Geoffery Lotz, ZR6XZ, 56 160 points
- 2nd Eddie Leighton, ZS6BNE, 21 186 points
- 3rd Dennis Green, ZS4BS/3, 2 880 points
- 4th Pieter Nel, ZS1PN, 2 160 points

Class E - General Stations

- 1st Pieter Jacobs, ZS6XT, 60 660 points
- 2nd Derek Stuart, ZS2J, 9 360 points
- 3rd Renier Burger, ZU6HOT, 7 236 points (now ZS6HOT)
- 4th Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC, 2 700 points
- 5th Marius Snyman, ZR6MS, 1 840 points
- 6th SARL, ZS85SARL, 1 560 points
- 7th Shane Daniell, ZS4TW, 1 376 points
- 8th Timothy Bullock, ZS6IM, 1 280 points
- 9th Vidi la Grange, Zs1EL, 720 points

Well done to everybody who submitted a log and congratulations to the category winners.

DXCC News

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager reports that the following operation is approved for DXCC credit: 5X1VJ - Uganda 2011 Operation. Special thanks to John Sharp, K2SHA for his help in acquiring this supporting documentation!
[Thank to Tjerk, ZS6P for this item]

African DX

Namibia, V5. Ewald, DJ2BQ, will be active from Namibia as V5/homecall between 2 December 2011 and 16 January 2012. He will be active on all HF bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at www.QRZ.com/db/dj2bq

Ethiopia, ET. Bill, N2WB, will be active from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 8 - 13 December 2011 as ET3/N2WB. He will be active on all HF bands. QSL via N2OO.





Krassy, K1LZ, David, K3LP, Al, K3VN, and Curt, K7CU, will be in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 8 - 13 December 2011, operating from the ET3AA club station. Operating goals - Krassy Petkov, K1LZ, will operate 80 and 40 metres, and David Collingham, K3LP, to operate 160 and 30 metres to give out QSOs during the evening to early morning hours (19:00 to 07:00). In addition, Al Hernandez, K3VN, and Curt Wilbur, K7CU, will operate during day/early morning hours on all other bands using SSB. QSL ET3AA and ET3SID via N200 (only for this operation). Full details, including training sessions for university students and antenna installation, can be found on K3LP's website at www.k3lp.com/et3aa_december_2011.htm

Togo, 5V. Arnauld, F4FOO, will be active from Sokode, Republic of Togo, as 5V7MA between 19 December 2011 and 4 January 2012, during his free time. He will be active on 20 to 10 m, SSB only. QSL via home call, bureau or direct.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 28 November to 5 December 2011.

AWA Bruce Kelley Memorial CW Contest
23:00 UTC 3 December to 23:00 UTC 4 December and 23:00 UTC 10 December to 23:00 UTC 11 December

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40 m

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RS(T), equipment year and input power (see rules for format)

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 8 January 2012

E-mail logs to: (no info)

Mail logs to: (no info)

Find rules at:

<http://www.antiquewireless.org/hamevents2010.htm>

ARS Spartan Sprint

02:00 - 04:00 UTC 6 December

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Skinny or Tubby

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RS(T), state, province or country and power

Work stations: Once per band

Submit logs by: 8 December 2011

E-mail logs to: spartansprint@yahoo.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://adventure->

[ra-](http://adventure-ra-dio.org/wiki/index.php?title=Spartan_Sprint_Rules)

[dio.org/wiki/index.php?title=Spartan_Sprint_Rules](http://adventure-ra-dio.org/wiki/index.php?title=Spartan_Sprint_Rules)

QRP Fox Hunt

02:00 - 03:30 UTC 7 December

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op - fox or hound

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RS(T)state, province or country, name and power output

December

2 to 4 - ARRL 160 metre contest

9 Schools close

10 to 11 - ARRL 10 metre contest

16 Day of Reconciliation

18 Stew Perry Top Band Challenge

25 Christmas Day

26 Family Day, DARC Christmas Contest

31 end of 2011 CQ DX Marathon

January 2012

1 New Years Day; start of the 2012 CQ Marathon

2 Public Holiday

11 Coastal schools open

18 Inland schools open

20 - 22 PEARS National VHF/UHF Contest

25 SARL 80 metre Club Contest

28 Summer QRP Contest





QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 8 December 2011
E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

QRP Fox Hunt
02:00 - 03:30 UTC 9 December
Mode: CW
Bands: 40 m Only
Classes: Single Op - fox or hound
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RS(T), state, province or country, name and power output
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 10 December 2011
E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

NCCC Sprint Ladder
02:30 - 03:00 UTC, Dec 9
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m
Classes: Single Op
Max power: 100 watts
Exchange: (see rules)
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
Multipliers: Each US state (including KL7 and KH6) once per band; Each VE province once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 11 December 2011
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at:
<http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>

Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

ARRL 10 Metre Contest
00:00 UTC 10 December to 24:00 UTC 11 December
Mode: CW, Phone
Bands: 10 m Only
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high - CW, phone or mixed; Multi-Single
Max operating hours: 36 hours
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: W/VE: RS(T) and state or province; XE: RS(T) and state; DX: RS(T) and serial no; MM: RS(T) and ITU region
QSO Points: 2 points per Phone QSO; 4 points per CW QSO
Multipliers: Each US State and DC once per mode; Each VE Province/Territory once per mode; Each XE State once per mode; Each DXCC Country once per mode; Each ITU Region (MM only) once per mode
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 10 January 2012
E-mail logs to: 10meter@arrl.org
Mail logs to: 10 Meter Contest, ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111, USA
Find rules at: <http://www.arrl.org/10-meter>

CWops Mini-CWT Test
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 10 December and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 11 December
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each call once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults





Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 13 December 2011

Post log summary at:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.cwops.org/onair.html>

International Naval Contest

16:00 UTC 10 December to 15:59 UTC 11 December

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - CW, SSB or mixed; Naval Club Station; non-Naval; SWL

Max operating hours: 24 hours

Exchange: Naval Club Member: RS(T), club and member no; non-Naval Club Member: RS(T) and serial no

QSO Points: Naval Club Members: 10 points; non-Naval Club Members: 1 point

Multipliers: Naval Club Members, once regardless of band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 31 January 2012

E-mail logs to: sandro_i7ale@alice.it

Mail logs to: I N O R C, Sandro D'Onofrio, I7ALE, Via Madonna della Libera 20, 71030 Macchia FG, Italy

Find rules at:

<http://www.marinefunker.de/eng/show.php3?pos=15>

SKCC Weekend Sprint

00:00 - 24:00 UTC 11 December

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RS(T), Name, state, province or country and SKCC no or "NONE"

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 16 December 2011

Post log summary at:

<http://wes.m0trn.com/submission.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.skccgroup.com/sprint/wes/index-wes.html>

CQC Great Colorado Snowshoe Run

2100Z-2259Z 11 December

Mode: CW

Bands: 20 m Only

Classes: W: single element wire antenna; V: vertical antenna; B: multi-element arrays/beams; P: portable

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RS(T), state, province or country, Antenna class and CQC member no or power;

Work stations: Same station up to 3 times, at least 30 minutes between QSOs

QSO Points: First QSO with station: 3 points; second QSO with same station: 2 points; Third QSO with same station: 1 point;

Bonus: 100 points for first QSO with W0CQC

Multipliers: Each state, province, country, CQC member once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x (state mults and province mults and country mults) x CQC members

Submit logs by: 10 January 2012

E-mail logs to: ki0rb@arrl.net

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.cqc.org/contests/snow2011.htm>

CQC Great Colorado Snowshoe Run

21:00 - 22:59 UTC 11 December

Mode: CW

Bands: 20 m Only

Classes: W: single element wire antenna; V: vertical antenna; B: multi-element arrays/beams; P: portable

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RS(T), state, province or country, Antenna class and CQC member no or power;

Work stations: Same station up to 3 times, at least 30 minutes between QSOs





QSO Points: First QSO with station: 3 points; second QSO with same station: 2 points; Third QSO with same station: 1 point; Bonus: 100 points for first QSO with WOCQC Multipliers: Each state, province, country, CQC member once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x (state mults and province mults and country mults) x CQC members
Submit logs by: 10 January 2012
E-mail logs to: kiOrb@arrl.net
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<http://www.cqc.org/contests/snow2011.htm>

Next Week's Contests

NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint, 01:30 - 03:30 UTC 14 December
QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 14 December
CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 14 December and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 15 December
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint, 18:00 - 20:00 UTC 14 December
QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 16 December
NCCC Sprint Ladder, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 16 December
AGB-Party Contest, 21:00 - 24:00 UTC 16 December
Russian 160-Meter Contest, 21:00 - 23:00 UTC 16 December
RAC Winter Contest, 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 17 December
Feld Hell Sprint, 00:00 - 24:00 UTC 17 December
OK DX RTTY Contest, 00:00 - 24:00 UTC 17 December
Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party, 00:01 UTC 17 December to 23:59 UTC 1 January
Croatian CW Contest, 14:00 UTC 17 December to 14:00 UTC 18 December
Stew Perry Topband Challenge, 15:00 UTC 17 December to 15:00 UTC 18 December
ARRL CW Rookie Roundup, 18:00 - 23:59 UTC 18 December
QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint, 20:00 - 24:00 UTC 18 December
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, 02:00 - 04:00 UTC 19 December

History This Week

A look back at events that made history this week - compiled by the Summerland Amateur Radio Club of Lismore, NSW and Dennis, ZS4BS. The week starting Monday 05 December 2011.

1799 - Metric system established in France (10 Dec)
1861 - Gatling gun patented (5 Dec)
1876 - Daniel Stillson (Massachusetts) patents first practical pipe wrench (5 Dec)
1877 - First sound recording made by Thomas Edison (6 Dec); Thomas A Edison demonstrates the gramophone, the next day (7 Dec)
1893 - First electric car (built in Toronto) could go 15 miles between charges (5 Dec)
1899 - British 'Black Week' due to defeats during the Anglo Boer War (10 Dec); Battle of the Stormberge (10 Dec); Battle of Magersfontein (11 Dec)
1901 - Marconi sends first transatlantic radio signal between Cornwall and Newfoundland (11 Dec)
1909 - George Taylor makes the first free flight in a glider at Narrabeen Beach, New South Wales (5 Dec)





1909 - Englishman Colin Defries makes a brief flight of about 105 metres in a modified Wright biplane at Victoria Park Racecourse, Sydney (9 Dec)

1941 - Japanese attack Pearl Harbour, bringing the USA into WW2 (7 Dec)

Birthdays for the week

Walt Disney, 5 Dec 1901

Mary, Queen of Scots, 8 Dec 1542

Sammy Davis, jnr, 8 Dec 1925

Dame Judy Dench, 9 Dec 1934

Gen George Armstrong Custer, 5 Dec 1839

Jean Sibelius, 8 Dec 1865

John Milton, 9 Dec 1608

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, 11 Dec 1918

The Night Before Christmas

"The Night before Christmas"

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all
through the town,
The snowstorm was raging, the phone lines
were down;
The wind it did howl, the tree limbs did
crack,
I hope that St. Nick isn't forced to turn
back.

The wife making cookies, the kids making
noise,
While away in the shack, by my rig I was
poised.
The finals were glowing, the mike gain was
set,
I was chasing DX to see what I could get.

The bands were all empty, the frequencies
clear,
Except one lone station that sounded quite
near.
He was calling CQ and my interest did pique,
When he ended transmission with the words,
"Old St. Nick".

I answered back quickly, I used great dis-
patch,
If this were St. Nicholas, good God, what a
catch!
We exchanged information; it was really
quite graphic,
Then he came back and said, "I've emer-
gency traffic!"

His reindeer were tired, his elves in a grump,
If he didn't land soon, then his sleigh he
would dump.
I thought very carefully, I thought very
hard,
Then I gave him directions to my snow cov-
ered yard.

As he flew past my window, his hair like a
mane,
He reined in his chargers and called them by
name:
"Whoa, Anode! Whoa, Cathode! Whoa, Zener!
Whoa, Diode!
Stop, Heater! Stop, Grid leak! Stop, Bias!
Stop, Triode!

You're flying too low! you're flying too fast!
Look out, you dumb reindeer, his antenna
mast!"
So into the backyard the reindeer did drop,
St. Nick, the elves, and the sleigh went ker-
plop!

Then at the back door, I heard this loud
knocking,
"Open up in there or I won't fill your stock-
ing!"
As I turned off the light and was leaving the
shack,
Into the house Saint Nicholas came from the
back -

His two-meter rig held to his hip with a
strap,
"Hams do it in the shack" on the front of his
cap.





The sack that he carried made his aged brow
furrow,
And he handed me a card that read,
"QSL Via Bureau".

His clothes were all sooty, from his shoes to
his vest;
I felt like a novice taking his test.
His fingers were calloused and from what I
could tell,
This came from a straight key that I'll bet
he used well.

I offered him coffee, I offered him smokes,
I tried easing the tension by telling ham
jokes.
Then he nodded his head and raised up his
thumb,
He smiled like an Elmer, did I ever feel
dumb.

He grabbed up his sack and went straight
for the tree,
And placed in it a large present for me.
When he finished his work, he stood up, took
a bow,
Then out the back door to his team he did
plough.

But I heard him exclaim as he flew o'er the
land,
"Beware the FCC, friend, we were both out
of band!"
Merry Christmas from my house to yours!

A Christmas Poem

'Twas the night before Christmas and all
through the shack
The rig was turned off and the mike cord lay
slack.
The antenna rotor had made its last turn,
The tubes in the linear have long ceased to
burn.

I sat there relaxing and took off my specs,
Preparing to daydream of armchair DX,

When suddenly outside I heard such a sound,
I dashed out the door to see what was
around.

The moon shone down brightly and lighted
the night-
For sure, propagation for the low bands was
right.
I peered towards the roof where I heard all
the racket,
And there was some guy in a red, fur-
trimmed jacket.

I stood there perplexed in a manner quite
giddy.
Just who was this stranger - di di dah dah di
dit ?
He looked very much like an FCC guy,
Who'd come to check up on some bad TVI.

I shouted to him, "OM! QRZ?"
"Hey you by the chimney all dressed up in
red!"
I suddenly knew when I heard sleigh bells
jingle,
The guy on the rooftop was jolly Kris Kringle.

He had a big sack full of amateur gear,
Which was a big load for his prancing rein-
deer.
Transmitters, receivers, for cabinets and
racks,
Some meters and scopes and a lot of co-ax.

He said not a word 'cause he'd finished his
work
He picked up his sack, then he turned with a
jerk.
As he leaped to his sleigh, he shouted with
glee,
And I knew in a moment he'd be QRT.

I heard him transmit as he flew o'er the
trees
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all seventy-
three."

One Ham's Night before Christmas

By VE3AJR





'Twas the night before Christmas when all
through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a
mouse,
The rig was tuned up with the greatest of
care
In hopes that the station I sought would be
there.

My hubby was nestled all snug in his bed
But visions of rare DX danced through my
head.
When out of the speaker there came such a
splatter
I sprang to the dial to see what was the
matter.

Away to the Collins I flew like a flash
And threw in the filter to cut down the hash.
With both gains turned back as far as they'd
go,
I waited to see if his call I would know.

When what to my wondering ear should ap-
pear
But "MC2U, Mobile," solid and clear.
What a jolly old signal! I zeroed him quick
But I felt in my heart that it must be a
trick.

In the many long years I had been in the
game
I have ne'er worked a station with such an
odd name.
I had contacted Danzig and Paris - Bombay
And some little village in Paraguay.

The QSL cards fairly covered the wall,
But MC2U would be the rarest of all.
At last he stopped calling, 'twas time to let
fly.
If I messed this one up, I was sure I would
die.

With quivering lips and shaking knees too,
I reached out my hand and the plate switch I
threw.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard overhead
A racket, enough to awaken the dead.

My plate current jumped and the meters
swung round,
And down the chimney St. Nicholas came
with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur from his head to
his foot
And his clothes were all covered with tarnish
and soot.

A stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth
And something encircled his head like a
wreath.
It circled his chest and his little round belly
Like a meat-ball surrounded by vermicelli.

It seemed rather strange, this peculiar at-
tire.
Oh no! Could it be? My antenna wire!!!
He held up a feeder, the jolly old elf,
And we laughed till we cried, old St. Nick and
myself.
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

As I watched from the window, he went
straight to work,
And, in no time at all, he turned with a jerk.
And there on the roof, standing sturdy and
tall
Was a beautiful beam, with rotator and all!

As my eyes filled with tears that longed to
be shed,
He peeked in the window and waggled his
head.
"Don't thank me, my sweet, it's the least I
can do

'Twas an Amateur Christmas

By Jack Wright, KC4ZEK

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all
through the night,
We Amateurs sent messages, with the speed
of light.





The stockings were hung by the ham rigs
with care,
In hopes a new dual-bander, soon would be
there.

And Ma with her HT, and I with my set,
Had just settled down for a long Winter's
net.

Here and there are the books that we need,
Books that we're crazy if we don't read.

Books equal to motherhood, and apple pie,
Like Uncle Wayne, they Never Say Die!

When out in the street there arose such a
clatter,
I sprang to the window to see what was the
matter.

When what to my wondering eyes should see,
But a plain gray van, with a license plate:
"FCC".

With a little old driver so lively and quick,
I knew as my heart sank, it was not St. Nick.

He knocked at the door, no chimney to help,
Said "I'm from the government, I'll have
those cookies and milk."

Now I thought to myself, 'What a sticky
wicket',
With laser sharp eyes he was examining my
'ticket'.

He tested the radios, one by one,
I held my breath, and tried not to run.

Now Yaesu, now Kenwood, now Ten-Tec and
Icom,
On Comet, on Cushcraft, on Azden and Den-
Tron,

To the top of the tower, to the end of the
beam,
Now dash away, dash away, signals SO
CLEAN!

After testing my setup, and laughing so gay,
Not "HUMBUG" said he, but "Your rigs are
OK".

Then he was away like a flash, no question or
fee,
By then, he was just like Santa Claus to me.

And..I heard him exclaim 'ere he drove out
of sight,
"73's TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD
NIGHT!"

DX Code of Conduct

I will listen, and listen, and then listen again before calling.
I will only call if I can copy the DX station properly.
I will not trust the DX cluster and will be sure of the DX station's call sign before calling.
I will not interfere with the DX station or anyone calling and will never tune up on the DX frequency or in the QSX slot.
I will wait for the DX station to end a contact before I call.
I will always send my full call sign.
I will call and then listen for a reasonable interval. I will not call continuously.
I will not transmit when the DX operator calls another call sign, not mine.
I will not transmit when the DX operator queries a call sign not like mine.
I will not transmit when the DX station requests geographic areas other than mine.
When the DX operator calls me, I will not repeat my call sign unless I think he has copied it incorrectly.
I will be thankful if and when I do make a contact.
I will respect my fellow radio amateurs and conduct myself so as to earn their respect.





<http://www.dx-code.org/publications.htm>

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SARL News

Time (UTC / CAT)	Freq (kHz)		Target Area	Language
06:15 / 08:15 *	7 066 / 7 098	From Pretoria /	Southern Africa	Afrikaans
06:30 / 08:30 *	7 066 / 7 098	Port Elizabeth	Southern Africa	English
Various 2 metre and 70 cm repeaters and Echolink country wide				

Amateur Radio Today

Time (UTC / CAT)	Freq (kHz)		Target Area	Language
08:00 - 09:00 /	7 082	From Durban	Southern Africa	English
10:00 - 11:00 *	Various 2 metre and 70 cm repeaters and Echolink country wide			

Amateur Radio Today shortwave broadcast information.

Time (UTC / CAT)	Freq (kHz)	Tx kW	Target Area	Language
08:00 - 09:00 /	7 205	100	Southern Africa	English
10:00 - 11:00 *	17 760	250	East Africa	English
16:30 - 17:30 /	3 230	100	Southern Africa	English
18:30 - 19:30 **				

* Sunday ** Monday

Amateurradio in Aksie

Dorp	Frekwensie	Tyd en dekking
Bloemfontein	145,600 MHz	Maandagaande 20:30 vanaf die Naval Hill herhaler
Kaap	145,700 MHz	Maandagaande 20:30 in die Boland
Pretoria	145,750 MHz	Woensdagaand net na die ZS6MRK bulletin
Pretoria HF	3 680 kHz	Woensdagaand net na die ZS6MRK bulletin
Rustenburg	145,500 MHz	Maandagaande 20:30
Sasolburg	145,600 MHz	Maandagaande 20:00 dekking in die hele Vaaldriehoek

